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ELEVENTH HOUR ATTEMPT MADE TO INCREASE BUDGET

Friends of L. J. Chapin Would Provide \$6,400 for the Office Next Year

JUDGE BUSHEY REFUSES TO OVERRIDE FARMERS

Says to Add to Budget Now Would Be Without Notice to Taxpayers

Number 143 is the lucky number on second drawing for the \$75,000 range given away at Salem Hardware Co., the holder of first drawing failed to appear.

After the Christmas puddings and New Year's pies have all been made and mostly eaten, the price of sugar took a sudden drop this morning, and is now quoted at 35 cents a hundred less than yesterday. But best the housekeeper may rejoice in this good news, the announcement came over the phone this morning from Portland that flour would advance 20 cents a barrel, taking effect Monday morning.

Card of Thanks. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement. C. H. HILL AND CHILDREN.

Entries for the Marion County Poultry show will close one week from today, Friday, January 1, and the management suggests that all parties intending to exhibit, should send for their entry blanks at once. These may be secured of Walter H. Smith, the secretary, at the Portland Railway, Light & Power company office. Entry blanks may also be secured at the Poisel and Shaw's grocery store and the Avenue barber shop, 1705 Center street.

The Ladies of the Jason Lee Church will serve a chicken supper in the church parlors, between the hours of five-thirty and eight o'clock. Price only twenty-five cents. All are invited.

A watch service will be held this evening at the United Evangelical church on North Cottage street, following the custom of several years. All Christian Endeavors in the city are invited to attend the meeting at the First Christian church, from 9 until 12 o'clock and the Jason Lee Memorial church will give a chicken supper, to be followed by a social and entertainment to pass away the time until the whistles begin to blow, announcing the coming of the new year.

Seamster Bros. have moved their stock of groceries to the building which has been occupied by the Higgins grocery at 121 S. Commercial. They carry a large stock of the best in groceries and will be glad to meet their old patrons as well as those of the Higgins Grocery Co.

New Year's day in Salem will be about as quiet as last Christmas in the downtown part of the city. A few of the grocery stores and meat shops will remain open an hour or two in the morning, but the general line of stores will close. One delivery of mail will be made and the general delivery and stamp window will be open from 9 until 10 o'clock. The banks of course will be closed and tomorrow will be in reality, a holiday.

Card of Thanks. We wish to extend our hearty thanks to the Seligwick Post, Ladies of G. A. R. Company M. O. N. G., L. O. O. F., Rebecca's friends and neighbors for their many kind acts and sympathy during the illness and death of our husband and father, also for the beautiful floral tributes. MRS. RUTH DENISON AND FAMILY.

An eleventh hour attempt was made today to persuade the county court to put an additional \$2000 in the county budget to provide for the services of a county agriculturalist. This \$2000 sought was in addition to the \$1200 already appropriated for the county fruit inspector and would make \$3200 from the county which would be duplicated by a like amount from the state the purpose of teaching the farmers and would provide a total of \$6400 for of Marion county how to farm.

A representative from Washington, D. C., and the department of agriculture was present with delegations from Woodburn and Silverton who asked that \$2000 be appropriated to retain the services of L. J. Chapin as county agricultural expert. Not a single one of the 30 tax payers who attended the early session spoke in opposition to the plan and when it was put to a vote the motion to put \$2000 in the budget in addition to the amount authorized, the motion carried with but two votes against it.

Judge Bushey then stated that he was certain that if the farmers of the county generally had known that any agitation to increase the salary of the county farming expert was on foot that they would have been numerous taxpayers present to oppose the plan. He said that for the last three months, farmers had called at his office daily to say a word in opposition to hiring a county farm expert and that he had assured them that the budget stood as it did last year and that petitions or personal appearances were not necessary. To this account he attributed the absence of opponents of the plan. In spite of this, however, there were long petitions opposing the employment of a county agriculturalist as against about 250 others who asked that Chapin be retained. In addition a great number of the granges of the county had gone on record as opposing the employment of Mr. Chapin for the coming year.

"Upon the representations of the present meeting," said Judge Bushey, "it is probable that the services of a county agriculturalist are worth something to some of you but the sentiment of the county at large is that he is not worth as much as he asks for. I doubt if we can increase the budget without notice. We advertised and published the budget as it stands and without notice to the taxpayers. I am satisfied that if a levy had been put in the original budget that many farmers would be present today to oppose it."

Judge Bushey expressed a willingness to submit it to a referendum vote of the people of the county but the friends of Chapin asked that the amendment be incorporated in the budget and then submitted a referendum vote. This the court refused to do. After some discussion this afternoon Judge Bushey said that the representation present appeared to be all of one mind mostly but that he believed that they represented only a very small minority of the real farmers of the county who as a whole were almost unanimously opposed to the employment of a county agriculturalist. The other items of the budget went through and were adopted without opposition and the amount of \$210,938.40 will be raised by tax in next year. This provides for \$180,000 for roads and bridges and will build Marion county's share of a \$200,000 bridge across the river at Salem. The school census is not yet in and the final estimates are not available but it is thought that a tax levy of 15 mills will provide for the county's expenses next year.

From this 15 mills is subtracted 4 mills for roads and highways and 5 mill for high school tax in the city of Salem making Salem's share of the county tax 10.5 mills. To 10.5 mills is added 14 mills for city tax and 6.7 mills for a school tax in District No. 24 or a total of 31.2 mills for the city of Salem next year.

TO REMEDY CONGESTION

Washington, Dec. 31.—The interstate commerce commission today supported railroad's pleas, seeking to halt congestion of freight at Atlantic ports. To this end the commission refused to suspend the railroad's new schedule, providing for reduction of 15 days in the free time in which shipments are allowed to stand at export points.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 31.—Charged with murder, Lee Mayfield, aged 40, was arrested here today after his father, T. J. Mayfield, aged 70, his mother, aged 65, and his brother, 45 years old, had been found dead in their home near here, with their heads battered in by an axe.

Burst of Activity On Wall Street Today

(Copyright 1915 by the New York Evening Post.)

New York, Dec. 31.—The year on the stock exchange ended today with a burst of activity, enthusiasm, and rising prices. For this, Vienna's surrender was the street's immediate explanation. Nineteen fifteen probably would have gone out similarly without this influence. But Austria's disavowal was so sweeping a backdown that it apparently left in the mind of the financial community three inferences: First, that deliberate drowning of non-combatants will be abandoned; second, that Austria and Germany if they do not fear America in a military way, have at least a wholesome regard for our financial prestige and what America's good will must mean to the belligerents upon the return of peace.

Vesper services will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Salem Friends church. The services will consist of the singing of anthems, solos and readings.

A reception will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Y. W. C. A. in order to show to the public the new quarters and acquaint those interested in the many conveniences of the new home for women.

William Sulzer appeared before Judge Elgin for the third time this month and was fined \$10 for disorderly conduct. Sulzer is reported to have given an entertainment at the O. E. depot last night which was interrupted by the police.

The Roth grocery will throw its new building open to the public and hold a reception tomorrow afternoon from 3 until 6 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and all the employees of the store will be on hand to show the public what is possible in the way of a modern grocery.

The public service commission today postponed the hearing of the matter of the rates of the shipment of structural steel and iron in this state until after the Interstate Commerce commission has passed upon the matter. Structural steel is shipped from the steel mills at Pittsburgh to St. Louis where it is fabricated in transit and then re-shipped to coast points.

The linotype managed to tangle up a few letters in one word yesterday, resulting in the startling announcement that Prof. Florian von Eschen would deliver a lecture on the silos of Oregon, Texas and the Six O'clock club next Tuesday evening. While the professor could doubtless deliver an interesting discourse on the advantages of a silo on every first class farm, the fact happens to be that the lecture by Mr. Von Eschen will be on "The Silos of Oregon."

One of the novel features of the initiation of the 17 Cherrians next Monday evening at the Marion hotel is that of moving pictures depicting scenes in the private life of the candidate. Not generally known to the public, having had a special. Sherlock Holmes on the trail of the murderer, the entertainment committee of the club assured that the story as told by the special moving picture scenes will be extremely interesting. Messrs. Bynon and Lerchen claim to have secured a copyright on all scenes to be shown.

The pulpit of the First Baptist church will be filled Sunday morning and evening by the Rev. W. H. Eaton, pastor of the Baptist church at Roseburg. Mr. Eaton comes here at the invitation of the deacons, not as a candidate, but simply to hold services for the day. Several names have already been presented to the deacons as candidates for the place vacated by the Rev. Harry E. Marshall, and although several strong men are under consideration, it is probable that no selection will be made for several weeks.

Every man who was so fortunate as to get his name in the city directory is now receiving an unusual amount of letters, filled with beautifully illustrated circulars extolling the merits of various kinds of drinks. These letters are mostly from San Francisco firms, although Hornbrook, Cal., a little oasis only a few miles south of the Oregon-California line is one of the thriving centers for mail shipments. But Hornbrook has strong competition, as the liquor dealers of all the larger cities of California and Utah are looking towards dry Oregon with longing eyes.

Articles of incorporation for the Warrenton Clay company were filed today at the office of Corporation Commissioner Schulderman. The articles call for a capitalization of \$125,000 and the company will make all kinds of clay products from brick to ornamental tiles. The Conner creek mines were incorporated at \$100,000 with the principal office at Maker, the Denison Interlocking Tile company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$5,000 and the Pacific Outfitting company at \$10,000, both of the latter were Portland companies.

Lake County Examiner: A letter received last week from the O. A. C. school of mines in regard to an assay made of some of the specimens of saltpeter picked up in this country, is to the effect that the specimen assayed was almost pure potassium nitrate. There was considerable excitement during the past summer in regard to these nitrate beds, and numerous local people made clandestine trips to eastern Lake county with experts, who were investigating deposits. At that time it was reported that the beds were valuable, and that there was an almost inexhaustible supply of the mineral. Lake county may eventually become a noted saltpeter-producing section.

News from Mexico is becoming almost as unreliable as news from Europe.

CAUCUS ELECTS CITY OFFICERS FOR 1916-- THREE HOLD OVER

B. W. Macy Leaves Council--manic Job to Become Attorney by 8 to 7 Vote

At a caucus of the newly elected members of the city council and the seven hold over members the officers for the city for the coming year were chosen. Only three of the present incumbents were chosen to remain in their positions. City Engineer Walter Skelton, Fire Chief Hutton and Police Matron Myra Shaul, will continue to serve the city. B. W. Macy was elected city attorney in place of W. H. Trindle, W. S. Low will replace E. S. Bullock as street commissioner, and Dr. O. R. Miles will replace Dr. C. E. Cashatt as city physician. The office of sanitary inspector has not yet been filled. There were three candidates for city attorney, Macy, Trindle and Grant Corby. On the first ballot Macy received seven and Trindle six, Corby got one and there was one blank. The next ballot was between Macy and Trindle and Macy received eight and Trindle seven. Harry Hutton's election was unanimous and Mrs. Shaul also received the unanimous vote of the council to retain her position as police matron.

Walter Skelton received 10 out of 14 votes against H. T. Tillman for city engineer.

Chief of Police Jack Welsh recommended the reappointment of all of his present force of officers, namely, R. R. Nicholson, E. W. Stubbs, W. J. White, Percy Varney, O. E. Victor and Al Ewald. The recommendation was referred to the incoming committee on health and police to report to the council for final action.

Election of a sanitary inspector, who will be a deputy under the city health officer, was deferred pending the passage of an ordinance creating this office.

SPRING VALLEY NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Spring Valley, Ore., Dec. 30.—Miss Cora Cooley has returned to Butteville after a pleasant Christmas visit.

Miss Helen Baker arrived from Portland, Friday, to visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carlton.

Rev. G. A. McKinlay has returned home from Washington, where he has spent the last few weeks with a nephew.

Wm. Waterbury and family, of Salem, were week end visitors at Lincoln, with Mr. and Mrs. John Spang.

Miss Gertrude Walling, of Salem, was a holiday guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walling. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Henry and Kenneth Henry were the dinner guests Christmas, of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Henry, in Salem.

Miss Muriel McKinlay, a student of Lincoln high school in Portland, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Prof. Charles Scott and family, of Portland, arrived Friday evening, for a week's visit at the ranch here.

Mr. Englis, who purchased the M. Fitzgerald farm this fall, has sold it again to Mr. Buckles, of Salem, recently from Nebraska. P. L. Woods, the hustling Salem real estate man, transacted the deal.

Two hunters were arrested a week ago Sunday for trespassing on the lake which Jesse Walling has leased to four Salem men.

Harold and Wilbur Jenkins, of Eugene, are guests at the home of H. W. Cooley.

Two immense Christmas trees, aglow with light and beauty, decorated the parlors of the Spring Valley church on Christmas eve, when an interesting Christmas program was given. Santa Claus appeared in due time, and added to the enjoyment of the occasion as he proceeded to distribute nuts and candy to all present.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed at the Lincoln school house on Thursday evening.

James French went to Salem Sunday to get medicine for a little son, Harold, who has had a severe cold, with some fever, for nearly a week.

Barney Cornelius, of Astoria, is spending the week at the home of C. A. Taylor.

H. W. Cooley and family participated in a family gathering at the home of his parents in Salem, on Christmas, spending a most enjoyable day.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Clarke entertained at dinner on Christmas, those present being Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Cochran, Daisy, Elaine, Cloyd, Maynard and Joy Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stafford, Dorothy Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Matthews, James Matthews and Frank Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal De Harpert and children, of Salem, spent a few days here this week, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barker are spending the holiday season at their town home in Salem, having several out-of-town guests on Christmas day.

Miss Greta Phillips, of Salem, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Wm. Stone was a business visitor in Salem on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walling, and baby, of Portland, returned home Wednesday, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Walling's parents at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton entertained relatives from Portland on Christmas day. Irving, the five year old son of Mrs. Elmer Tompkins, was taken to the Willamette Sanitarium on Sunday, suffering from abscess of the stomach. Mrs. Fisher and Garapobet have the case and are endeavoring to treat it so as to avoid an operation, but it is very possible that it may become necessary.



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to operate. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins are both in Salem, spending much time with the boy.

Mrs. J. Starr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Salem, are spending several days here. Mr. Starr is very ill. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts and children, of Salt Creek, and Miss Marie Patrick, of Salem, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Patrick.

Victor Simpson, who is working for Ralph Shepard, spent Sunday at Unionvale, looking after his farm there.

James Benson, returned Monday from Portland, after spending several days in that city.

Miss Myrtle Loney, spending Loney and Walter Loney, of Astoria, spent Christmas here with R. A. Loney and family.

Warren Cooley has returned to McCoy where he is employed by Henry Domes, of the John Ford Farm.

J. I. Miller, of West Salem, spent a few days last week, visiting W. H. Crawford in Portland, preparing his dressed geese and turkeys for the Xmas market, he being an expert at that work, having worked at it for several years.

R. C. Shepard delivered a load of fat hogs in Salem, Monday.

Mildred Spang was made happy on Christmas eve by receiving from her parents a beautiful piano. Mildred is taking lessons from Miss Nita Wright and is making rapid progress.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stratton entertained their friends one evening last week with cards and dancing.

A New Year's masquerade ball is being planned to be held in the Lincoln hall.

Wm. Squier and family spent Sunday with relatives in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford attended the Christmas concert at the Baptist church in Salem, Sunday evening.

P. O. RECORDS BROKEN

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—San Francisco did its record postoffice business in 1915. Postmaster Fay announced today. In 1914, \$2,200,000 was handled, in 1915, \$3,550,000.

December of 1915 showed a gain of \$10,000 in receipts over the same month in 1914. December 22 was the biggest day of the year, 3,100,000 pieces of mail matter being handled.

REPLY SENDS STOCKS UP

New York, Dec. 31.—Publication of the Austrian reply in the London care sent up some stocks three points today on the most active trading in weeks.

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